



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Neely, et al. )  
Serial No.: 09/165,034 )  
Filed: October 1, 1998 )  
Title: Differential Basis Weight )  
For Nonwoven Webs )

Group Art Unit: 1771  
Examiner: Jeremy R. Pierce  
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 10, 2002, please amend the above captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 13.

Please amend claims 1, 12, 16, 27 and 35 to read as follows (marked changes included as Appendix A):

1. (Amended) A nonwoven web made from fibers, the fibers comprising thermoplastic fibers, said nonwoven web having a first end and a second and opposite end, said nonwoven web defining a first area having a first basis weight and a second area having a second basis weight being located on said nonwoven web according to a predetermined pattern, said first basis weight being at least about 1.5 times greater than said second basis weight, said first area comprising from about 25% to about 75% of said nonwoven web, the web being compressed and thermally bonded together.

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This is a response amendment letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims 58	minus 57	= 1	x \$18 = \$ 18.00
Independent Claims 3	minus 3	= 0	x \$84 = \$ -0-
If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time, add \$270.00 (per application)			\$ 0
Since Official Action set an original due date of March 10, 2003			
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If Terminal Disclaimer enclosed, add Rule 20(d) Official Fee (\$110.00)			\$ -0-
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